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## House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by the 20th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for the meeting of the 117th Congress of the United States, the Representatives-elect met in their Hall, and at noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Cheryl L. Johnson.

Reverend Emanuel Cleaver, II, St. James United Methodist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, noiselessly we bow before Your throne of grace as we leave behind the politically and socially clamorous year of 2020. We gather, now, in this consequential Chamber to inaugurate another chapter in our roller coaster representative government. The Members of this august body acknowledge Your sacred supremacy and, therefore, confess that without Your favor and forbearance, we enter this new year relying, dangerously, on our own fallible nature.

God, at a moment when many believe that the bright light of democracy is beginning to dim, empower us with an extra dose of commitment to its principles. May we, of the 117th Congress, refuel the lamp of liberty so brimful that generations unborn will witness its undying flame. And may we model community healing, control our tribal tendencies and quicken our spirit that we may feel Thy priestly presence even in moments of heightened disagreement. May we so feel Your presence that our service here may not be soiled by any utterances or acts unworthy of this high office. Insert in our spirit a light so bright that we can see ourselves and our politics as we really are—soiled by selfishness, perverted by prejudice and inveigled by ideology.

Now, may the God who created the world and everything in it bless us and keep us. May the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. May the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us

peace—peace in our families, peace across this land and dare I ask, O Lord, peace even in this Chamber, now and evermore. We ask it in the name of the monotheistic God and Brahma and God known by many names by many different faiths.

Amen, and a woman.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CLERK. The Representatives-elect and their guests will please remain standing and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The CLERK. As directed by law, the Clerk of the House has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 434 seats in the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress have been received by the Clerk of the House. The names of those persons whose credentials show that they were regularly elected as Representatives in accord with the laws of their respective States or of the United States will be called.

The Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device and their names will be reported in alphabetical order by State, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

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Representatives-elect who have not obtained their voting ID cards may do so now in Statuary Hall.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Representatives-elect responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

[ANSWERED PRESENT—427]

### ALABAMA

Aderholt	Moore (AL)	Sewell
Brooks	Palmer	
Carl	Rogers (AL)	

### ALASKA

Young

### ARIZONA

Biggs	Grijalva	O'Halleran
Gallego	Kirkpatrick	Schwiebert
Gosar	Lesko	Stanton

### ARKANSAS

Crawford	Westerman
Hill	Womack

### CALIFORNIA

Aguilar	Issa	Pelosi
Barragán	Jacobs (CA)	Peters
Bass	Khanna	Porter
Bera	Kim (CA)	Roybal-Allard
Brownley	LaMalfa	Ruiz
Calvert	Lee (CA)	Sánchez
Carbajal	Levin (CA)	Schiff
Cárdenas	Lieu	Sherman
Chu	Lofgren	Speier
Correa	Lowenthal	Steel
Costa	Matsui	Swalwell
DeSaulnier	McCarthy	Takano
Eshoo	McClintock	Thompson (CA)
Garamendi	McNerney	Torres
Garcia (CA)	Napolitano	Valadao
Gomez	Nunes	Vargas
Harder (CA)	Obenolte	Waters
Huffman	Panetta	

### COLORADO

Boebert	DeGette	Perlmutter
Buck	Lamborn	
Crow	Neguse	

### CONNECTICUT

Courtney	Hayes	Larson (CT)
DeLauro	Himes	

### DELAWARE

Blunt Rochester

### FLORIDA

Bilirakis	Frankel, Lois	Rutherford
Buchanan	Franklin, C.	Salazar
Cammack	Scott	Soto
Castor (FL)	Gaetz	Steube
Crist	Gimenez	Waltz
Demings	Hastings	Wasserman
Deutch	Lawson (FL)	Schultz
Diaz-Balart	Mast	Webster
Donalds	Murphy (FL)	Wilson (FL)
Dunn	Posey	

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